

9 REMARKS

10 Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and the following
11 remarks is respectfully requested.

12 The specification has been amended to include the reference to zirconium required by
13 Examiner, which change is supported by originally filed claim 46.

14 Claims 1,3-24,26-31, 34, 35, 40, 42-45, 47-50, and 52-61 are pending in this
15 application. Claim 4 has been amended.

16 Claim 4 has been amended to depend from claim 3 instead of claim 1. Claim 4 thus has
17 antecedent basis, and is now allowable.

18 The office action states that, with the above changes, Claims 1,3-24,26-31, 34, 35, 40, 42-
19 45, 47-50, and 52-61 (as amended) are allowable.

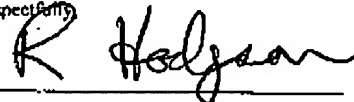
20 No additional fee is due. The required fees and any insufficiency or overage (except issue fees)
21 may be debited or credited to deposit account 08/2240.

22 On the basis of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of this application
23 and its early allowance is respectfully requested.

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